set up to evolve a strategy for promoting project exports in the Gulf in the post war situation. A Special Committee with inter-ministerial representation has been set up to expedite Government clearance for project exports through High-Level inter-ministerial discussions.

Irregularities in Nationalised Banks in Andhra Pradesh

4825. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of misappropriation/fraud cases reported/detected in various banks in Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year, so far, bank-wise;

(b) the amount involved in these cases, bank-wise; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to reover the money involved in the above cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The present data maintenance system does not yield State-wise information about number of frauds/misappropriation cases, amount involved and amount recovered in such cases. However, total number of frauds and amount involved therein as reported to Reserve Bank of India by 28 public sector banks in India during the period from 1.1.91 to 30.9.91 is given below:

No. of frauds	*Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)*
936	3242.68

The amounts involved in respect of these frauds do not necessarily represent the loss which the banks may have to ultimately suffer as the banks do hold some security both primary and/or collateral in a number of cases which would be adjusted against the amounts due. Banks also hold insurance policies in many cases. Banks also file civil suits for the recovery of the amount involved in such cases.

Overdrafts of States

4826. PROF. KV. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of overdraft of various States in their accounts with the Reserve Bank of India as on November 1, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Three States were in overdraft in their accounts with the Reserve Bank of India as on November 1, 1991 as indicated below:-

		Amount of Overdraft (Rs. in crores)
1.	Bihar	7.50
2.	Kerala	26.21
3.	West Bengal	33.30

Trade Negotiations with Russian Republic

4827. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 261 on November 22, 1991 and state:

(a) the details of the trade agreement concluded with the Republic of Uzbekistan, and

(b) the time by which the trade agreements with the Russian Republic, Kazakistan and Kirghizia are likely to finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The agreement with Uzbekistan was signed on 24th October, 1991. It provides *inter-alia* for trade between India and Repuolic of Uzbekistan to be carried out on a balanced basis in Indian rupees. The invoicing of the items traded and periodic settlement of accounts will, however, be in convertible currencies. The items proposed to be exported include agricultural products, minerals and ores, chemical and allied products, leather and leather manufactures, textiles, engineering goods etc. The items proposed to be imported include agricultural products minerals, fertilizers, metallurgical products, chemical and allied products, machinery and equipment etc.

(b) Dates for signing agreements with the Russian Republic, Kazakistan and Kirghizia are yet to be fixed.

Dornier-228 Light Transport Aircraft

4828. SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prospects of selling the Dornier-228 light transport aircraft manufactured by HAL in the foreign market are not encouraging;

(b) if so, the foreign markets tapped by the Government for selling the aircraft; and

(c) the main hurdles in promoting the sale of the aircraft in foreign market and the steps the Government proposed to take to overcome these hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). Prospects of sale of Dornier-228 Light Transport Aircraft manufactured by HAL are limited because the Company faces a competitive market situation and has permission of sale in only a limited number of countries under its license agreement with Dornier, Gmbh of Germany. Most of these countries prefer soft credit terms on account of their financial difficulties. HAL endeavours to meet this situation by making its price competitive and through offers of commercial credit packages. So far the Company has sold one Dornier to Mauritius.

Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies in Orissa

4829. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary weavers cooperative societies in Orissa at present;

(b) the details of the handloom goods manufactured by these societies during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any stocks have been accumulated with these societies and also with the Apex Societies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As per the information available with the Government of India, there are 756 working Cooperative Societies in Orissa State.

(b) Details of the Janata and Non-Janata handloom goods produced by these Societies during last three years are as under:-